



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Park Cities Presbyterian Church

December 13, 2009

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We Prepare Our Hearts

"The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Habakkuk 2.2

Preparation for Worship

No. 229

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

We Praise and Profess Our Faith in God

*"My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever."*

Psalms 145.21

Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Give the king Your justice, O God, and Your righteousness to the royal Son! May He judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice!

People: **May all kings fall down before Him, all nations serve Him! For He delivers the needy when He calls, the poor and him who has no helper.**

Minister: May His name endure forever, His fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in Him, all nations call Him blessed!

People: **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!**

Psalms 72:1-2, 11-12, 17-19

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

Dr. Pete Deison 8:00

The Rev. Patrick Lafferty 9:30

The Rev. Julian Russell 11:00

We believe that Jesus Christ according to His divine nature is the only begotten Son of God, begotten from eternity, not made, nor created (for then He would be a creature), but co-essential and co-eternal with the Father, the very image of His substance and the effulgence of His glory, equal unto Him in all things. He is the Son of God, not only from the time that He assumed our nature but from all eternity, as these testimonies, when compared together, teach us. Moses says that God created the world; and St. John says that all things were made by that Word which he calls God. The apostle says that God made the world by His Son; likewise, that God created all things by Jesus Christ. Therefore it must needs follow that He who is called God, the Word, the Son, and Jesus Christ, did exist at that time when all things were created by Him. Therefore the prophet Micah says: His goingsforth are from of old, from everlasting. And the apostle: He hath neither beginning of days nor end of life. He therefore is that true, eternal, and almighty God whom we invoke, worship, and serve.

Belgic Confession of Faith, Article X

***Carol of Praise No. 218** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

Please be seated.

Public Confession of Sin

While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much.

Forgive us Lord,
for not bending the knee,
for not reading Your Word,
for not searching our hearts,
for not facing our sins.

Forgive us according to Your tender mercies, O God!

Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of Your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory.

Silent Confession

We Pray for Our Congregation, the Church, and the World

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people . . . This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2.1, 3-4

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Deison 8:00
Mr. Lafferty 9:30
Mr. Russell 11:00

Musical Offering

8:00

Mr. Colin Howland, Organ

9:30/11:00

"Jesus Child"
Chancel Choir • J. Marty Cope, Director
Charlotte Ball, Soprano

Rutter

*Have you heard the story that they're telling 'bout Bethlehem,
Have you heard the story of the Jesus child?
How He came from heaven and was born in a manger bed?
Mary was His virgin mother pure and mild.*

*Sing alleluia, brothers, sing alleluia, sisters,
Worship the Jesus child and praise the Lord on high.
"Glory to God on high!" the angel hosts above are singing:
Listen to the story of the Jesus child.*

*Have you heard the story of the poor humble shepherd men,
Sitting on the hillside with their flocks at night?
Suddenly the angel tells them: "Hurry to Bethlehem;
Go and find the Jesus child, the world's new light."*

*Jesus child, lying at Bethlehem, sleeping safe at Mary's knee,
Save my soul and bring me to paradise,
Let me join the angels singing glory to Thee.*

*Have you heard the story of the kings from the orient,
Following the star that's shining over His head?
Offering their precious gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense,
Kneeling with the ox and ass before His bed?*

*Brothers, let us celebrate the birth of the Jesus child,
Sisters, come and welcome Him, the newborn king;
Praise the Lord who sent Him down from heaven at Christmas time;
Young and old and rich and poor, His praises sing.*

*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. We were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

1 Peter 2.25

People: And also with you.

The Service of Friendship

Extending the Kingdom

Mr. E. E. (Boots) Nowlin
Mr. David Newman
Ruling Elders

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.

*And all the people answered with one voice and said,
"All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do."*

Exodus 24.3

*The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9.6; Mark 4.35-41

Isaiah 9

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Mark 4

On that day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him.³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"³⁹ And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

The Morning Sermon AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
"Mighty God"

Mr. Williams 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

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*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

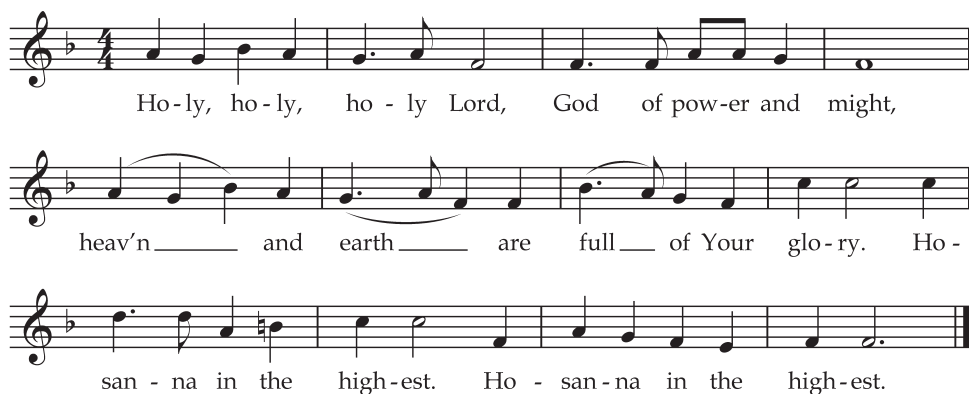
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: **Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:**



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We Proclaim Jesus Christ Crucified as the Only Salvation for Sinners

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing**

***The Words of Institution**

The Communion

Please come forward down the center aisle.

Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.

Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.

During the Serving of Communion

Please use the following Scripture for private meditation.

Psalm 45.1-6

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever. Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!

In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds! Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

— Worshipers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue here —

We go into the World with God's Peace to Live for His Glory

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21

***Closing Carol No. 208**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

***Benediction**

Minister: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. 1 Thessalonians 3.12-13

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

"Toccata on Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
Mr. Colin Howland, *Organ*

arr. Willcocks

**The congregation stands.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God in love and gratitude for the godly example you set as a wife, mother, and friend. Happy Birthday in honor of Ann Clark Buller from the Jay Michael Lewis family.

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

MINISTERS

The members of this church family who, in serving their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, extend His Kingdom in Dallas and to the world.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Mark Davis

Session/Associate Pastors

Ron Baxter	Tim Jeffress	Bobby Payne
Kit Case	Kent Johnson	Kirk Pogoloff
Doug Chesnut	Louie Little	Dick Steele
The Rev. Pete Deison	Pat Moore	Bill Thomas
Harry Hargrave	Boots Nowlin	The Rev. Tim Tinsley
Doug Horn	Rick Owens	Steve Vanderhill

Assistant Pastors

The Rev. Ron Williams
The Rev. Bill Lamberth
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

The Rev. Julian Russell
The Rev. Jeff White
The Rev. Don Admire

Personal Prayer and Counsel

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.” Romans 12.10, 12, 13

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please join us in the Parlor (north of Fellowship Hall) following the worship service where our Elders and prayer leaders are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

Due to the

Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert

at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary tonight,

there will be no Sunday Evening worship service
at 6:00 pm in Oak Lawn West.

Home Worship Guide

This page is to help you get started worshipping in your home. For more ideas and in-depth resources, be sure to check out the PCPC website by going to the Family Worship link on the pcpc.org home page. The Family Worship site is under development, so keep checking back for new updates!

What is home worship?

Home worship is time set aside to love, adore, and enjoy our Heavenly Father in our homes and with our families.

Who is home worship for?

Everyone! If you belong to Christ, He wants you to know the joy of spending time with Him daily. Home worship is for children, parents, couples, singles, grandparents, empty-nesters, anyone who is a child of the King!

When and where should we have home worship?

Do your best to schedule a regular time. Make it part of your routine. That way, everyone who participates will know when it is supposed to happen. Some good times are:

1. First thing in the morning right after breakfast;
2. At the dinner table immediately following the meal;
3. Right before bedtime.

If you are just beginning to try home worship, try this once or twice a week. If you already are doing it once or twice a week, try to increase the frequency. Ultimately, you will enjoy your Heavenly Father the most when you spend the most time with Him! Resources for daily worship will be available at worship.pcpc.org.

How do we do home worship?

1. **How do I know what to do?** There is a simple order in this worship bulletin to help guide you. Home worship is simply an extension and simplification of what happens in corporate worship every Sunday morning. Use your experience on Sunday mornings to guide you in worshipping at home. The elements of worship taken from Sunday mornings into the home are praise, prayer, and reading and learning the scriptures. If a family is able, singing is encouraged. If not, no big deal! Be flexible in adapting this guide to suit the needs of your family situation. Home worship also offers the opportunity to ask questions, give prayer requests, and have discussion in ways which do not happen in corporate worship.
2. **How long should it take?** No more than 10 or 15 minutes. If your family loves to go longer, then go longer!
3. **How do I deal with wiggly children?** Make parts of home worship wiggly! Move while you are singing, act out the scripture reading, ask the discussion questions while taking a family walk. Be creative and your children will love it. Be sure to teach the discipline of listening. See worship.pcpc.org for more ideas for families with young children!
4. **How do I get help?** Contact one of our pastors or elders. Check out the PCPC website.

Daily Prayer Guide

Monday: Pray for one another (What's happening this week? Any sickness? Problems? If able, share with one another some area in your life in which God wants you to grow. Confess sins to one another)

Tuesday: Pray for your relatives and friends

Wednesday: Pray for those in authority: President Obama, government officials, local leaders, teachers at school.

Thursday: Pray for people you know who don't know Jesus.

Friday: Pray for the Church around the world, for missionaries, for the extending of God's Kingdom.

Saturday: Pray for PCPC, for the pastors and elders, the deacons and staff members. Pray for those who are sick and in need of care. Pray for the worship which is going to take place on Sunday morning.

Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of December 13, 2009

Praise

Psalm 98.4 *(all together saying)*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" *(sing or say these words together)*

God of God, Light of Light; lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Hearing and Learning God's Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9.6; Mark 4.35-41

Questions for Discussion *(may be answered in one worship time, or spread over several times)*

1. What were the disciples afraid of?
2. Why did the disciples ask, "Who then is this that even the wind and sea obey Him?"
3. Do you think the disciples were more afraid of the raging seas or Jesus?
4. How does this story show us that Jesus is mighty God?
5. How does this account of Jesus calming the storm demonstrate that He is fully God and fully man?

For older children:

6. Why did Jesus have to be fully God and fully man?
7. Why do people have a hard time believing Jesus was who He said He was?
8. Are there any storms in your life that need His peace?

Scripture Memory *(memorize these verses of scripture this month)*

Luke 1.30-33

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

Prayer

(Additional prayer ideas may be found on page eight of the bulletin.)

Prayer *(all saying together)*

All glory to You, great God, for the gift of Your Son, light in the darkness and hope of the world, whom You sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise Your name and tell the earth His story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging Your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" *(sing or say these words together)*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.